

Bill 5283

Agriculture Education deserves equitable state funding. I am currently a student at the University of Connecticut studying Agriculture and Natural Resources to one day be an Agriculture Education Instructor and FFA Advisor. I went to an Ag. school came from out of district into my Ag. high school. When deciding which high school to attend I got very little information from my middle school guidance counselor of my choices. If I did not have a friend whose older sister went through the program, I would not have gone to the agriculture high school. If I had not gone through the Ag. Department I would have figured out in college that I didn't want to be a veterinarian thus wasting my money on a degree I wanted to pursue. If Bill 5283 gets passed, then more students will get the opportunity to go to (any charter, or magnet, or) agriculture high schools and realize their passion and hopefully attend UConn like I am and give back to the agriculture community here in CT. Agriculture is the backbone of society because without agriculturist you and I would be starving.

Please think about the future and the future generations of agriculturalist that will come out these programs to help feed the growing population on this earth. Pass Bill #5283 to allow students to choose and equally fund all school options.

Thanks

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